

ADDENDUM #1

**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**WATER SYSTEM
ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, GIS MAPPING and RATE STUDY**

SCIIP Grant #A-23-P184

**ADDENDUM #1 ISSUE DATE:
OCTOBER 27, 2023**

**RFP DUE DATE:
NOVEMBER 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

RECEIPT LOCATION:
Town of St. George
305 Ridge Street
St. George, SC 29477

This Addendum is to provide response to the following questions and requests for clarification that have been received:

1. Based on the SCIIP grant methods of procurement for A/E services, a RFQ process is the only means for selecting a A/E consultant and cost cannot be a factor. However, other professional services may be secured by an RFP using cost as a factor. The proposed project requires a combination of survey, GIS, and engineering professionals to complete the tasks, will cost be a factor in the selection process? Are engineering firms specializing in water resources engineering and asset management permitted to provide a proposal?

Response: The Town is seeking a qualified consulting/engineering firm to provide the professional services described within the RFP. The award will be given to the highest ranked firm based on the factors outlined in Section 5 of the RFP, which does include a consideration of Project Cost. While the scope of the Town's Planning Grant project and RFP does include several items of work usually performed by engineering firms, the Town's Grant award also requires a rate study to be carried out, which is not typical engineering work. This diversity of tasks within the scope lends itself to the use of an RFP with a more detailed scope, rather than an RFQ which has a much less detailed scope included.

Engineering firms specializing in water resources engineering and asset management are permitted and encouraged to provide a proposal. Additionally, an engineering firm who wishes to bid the project but does not have the personnel to cover all aspects of the scope in the RFP in-house, is able to seek subcontracts to carry out those portions/tasks of the project.

2. What is the survey grade requirement for the survey?

Response: Mapping grade survey is acceptable for the development of the requested GIS map of the system.

3. What type of mapping does the Town currently have for assets—paper, CAD, record drawings, etc.

Response: The Town has a mix of blueprints, record drawings and limited digital maps for portions of the system. Not all of the system is currently mapped.

4. What data does the Town currently have to indicate asset installation dates or ages?

Response: The town has limited information regarding the age of pipes (e.g., dated record drawings).

5. How solid is the Grant Closeout Date of April 2025? I noticed in the SCIIP Grant Application that the Federal deadline is December 2026. Is there any leeway with the RFP estimated project schedule or is it etched in stone?

Response: While the overall expenditure deadline for the SCIIP funding is December 2026, many, if not all, of the infrastructure project grants were awarded with grant periods that end on June 1, 2026. The SCIIP planning grants were awarded with a shorter grant period. The Town's planning grant was awarded with a grant period end date of April 30, 2025.